

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week November 16 through November 19, 2017.

THURSDAY

11/16/2017

(1) **MORNING DUTY**

Tom Ward was in the office this past Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday to oversee entry and scratch procedures. It was a difficult three days for Racing Secretary Jay Conklin and his crew as the earliest a card was drawn was on Tuesday, when they drew at 1:30 PM. The next two days were not drawn until after 3:00 PM. Obviously, changes were held to a minimum – a death certificate would likely have been needed to scratch, while there were two rider changes. Ward will be writing the minutes for the upcoming week.

FRIDAY

11/17/2017

(1) **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

3rd race - #2 High Alert (vet-unsound) refund of \$122.00
4th race- #2 Carli (vet - sick) refund of \$193.00

(2) **RULING #310**

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GROOM ROGELIO ORANTES, HAVING FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF RULING #238, ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2017, IS SUSPENDED FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1902 (CONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO HORSE RACING – FAILED TO SHOW PROOF OF ATTENDANCE AT WINNERS FOUNDATION).

This ruling was issued after it was learned that Mr. Orantes, who was suspended back in September for conduct detrimental to horse racing, has failed to follow through with Winners Foundation, as ordered in the original ruling. Efforts to reach Mr. Orantes were unsuccessful, and the person who answered Mr. Orantes' phone indicated that he would not be returning to the racetrack.

(3) **RULING #311**

RULING # 311

JOCKEY MARTIN ARRIAGA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 12, 2017.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Arriaga called to say that he was caught in traffic and would not be able to fulfill his engagements this past Sunday.

(4) RULING #312-314

RULING # 312

JOCKEY JUAN E. SANCHEZ IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 12, 2017.

RULING # 313

JOCKEY G. JAIRO RANGEL IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 12, 2017.

RULING # 314

JOCKEY JUAN CARLOS RAMIREZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 12, 2017.

The foregoing rulings were issued as none of the riders offered an excuse for violating the "crop" rule.

(5) FORMAL HEARING – ALTERATION OF DOCUMENT

A formal hearing was held this afternoon into a complaint filed by the Board against trainer Adriana Vallejo alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1489(a)(3)(7), #1900, and #1595. At issue was the fact that Ms. Vallejo falsified a Coggins slip for the horse Severe Clear after the original Coggins had expired. The original slip was dated 4/18/2017, with the Coggins being good for a ninety day period. Subsequent to the date in question, the last time the horse came on the grounds was on July 14, 2017, at which time the original Coggins slip was still in compliance. Upon examination of the two slips submitted by Ms. Vallejo, the only difference was the date, one which had the 4/18/2017 date and the other copy, which showed 8/18/2017. The latest one had clearly been altered, as the serial number showed U782597, the same number from the April Coggins.

What was disconcerting was the fact that Ms. Vallejo displayed a rather cavalier attitude with respect to the incident. She said that she did not alter the certificate and attempted to deflect the blame to both the owner of the horse and the shipper. The bottom line, however, pointed toward her as the culprit. She did acknowledge the fact that she was ultimately the responsible party. Before the hearing started, Ms. Vallejo was reminded that this was a very serious offense and was asked if she wanted counsel. She indicated that she was set to go forward on her own. A decision will be rendered shortly.

(6) RIDER REMOVED

Jockey Efrain Hernandez was taken off his mounts this evening as he called to say that he was stuck in traffic and would not be able to fulfill his engagements. Replacement riders were named.

(7) CLAIM VOIDED

A claim deposited prior to the third race by trainer Angela Aquino for the horse Scatastic was voided as Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio reported that the horse was off in the left foreleg during its time in the detention barn. The horse was returned to the barn of trainer Jesus Nunez.

(8) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the fourth race as #5 Rainsford flipped while in the saddling paddock and was declared on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Fitzgerald. The refund amounted to \$1,953.00.

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	545	On Track Handle:	\$81,255.80
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,662</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$242,962.40
Total:	2,207	Out of State:	<u>\$634,527.11</u>
		Total:	\$958,745.31

SATURDAY

11/18/2017

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

6th race - #6 Winger (Blood not back) refund of \$354.90
7th race - #1 All Right Now (vet-injured) refund of \$933.00
9th race - #8 Free Swinger (vet-colic) refund of \$1,662.12

(2) RULING #315

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TRAINER ADRIANA VALLEJO (AKA A. ACEVES) IS SUSPENDED FOR SIXTY (60) DAYS (NOVEMBER 24, 2017 THROUGH JANUARY 22, 2018) PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1900 (GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1489(A)(3)(7)(GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE) AND #1595(ALTERATION OR FORGERY OF CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF ADRIANA VALLEJO ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE) SUBJECT IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

This ruling was issued after a discussion of the facts of the case against Ms. Vallejo. While she professed no knowledge of how the Coggins test was altered, as stated previously, all evidence pointed to her.

(3) RULING #316

RULING # 316

JOCKEY EFRAIN HERNANDEZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872(FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 17, 2017.

The ruling was issued as Mr. Hernandez failed to fulfill his mounts last evening.

(4) RULING #317

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APPRENTICE JOCKEY ERICK GARCIA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 17, 2017.

This ruling was issued as Mr. Garcia offered no excuse for violation of the "crop" rule.

(5) MEDICATION HEARING

Trainer Kelly Castaneda was in the office this afternoon in response to a complaint filed against him for a Dexamethasone positive from his horse Lucky Tommy, the winner of the 2nd race on

October 7, 2017. The lab results showed the presence of 63 pg/ml of the drug, with the permitted level topping out at 5 pg/ml.

Mr. Castaneda was under the impression the Dr. Jennifer Schmidt injected the horse with 2ccs of Dexamethasone on October 4, 2017, the date of entry, but according to the veterinarian's confidential report, the drug was administered on October 5, 2017, which was still in accordance with the rules. However, the recommended time of administration is seventy two hours prior to race time. There will be a discussion and ruling to follow.

(6) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the third race as #3 Seatoshiningsea was "off" in the left hind leg and was declared on the advice of Racing Veterinarian Fitzgerald. The refund amounted to \$17,341.41.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	653	On Track Handle:	\$85,695.30
Off Track Attendance	<u>1,755</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$272,227.60
Total:	2,408	Out of State:	<u>\$679,445.59</u>
		Total:	\$1,037,368.49

SUNDAY

11/19/2017

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

3rd race - #5 Misty Moni (Vet-unsound) refund of \$194.00

(2) RIDERS OFF

Jockeys Marcial Ramirez and Roberto Hernandez were off of their mounts this evening. Hernandez was sick, while Ramirez did not show up to fulfill his engagements.

(3) VIDEO REVIEW

Four riders were in to review the first race from Saturday evening, as there were several incidents in the opening 1/16th of a mile. None of them were worthy of a sanction, but we wanted the riders to be aware of where they were. Minor shifts from four horses resulted in jockey Felipe Martinez having to check out of tight quarters.

(4) VOIDED CLAIM

A claim was deposited in the first race by trainer Sally Rivera for #4 Golden Atlantic was voided as Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio reported that the horse was unsound in the left foreleg during its time in the detention barn. The horse was returned to the barn of Gary Stute.

(5) STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was posted after the second race as the Stewards reviewed an incident entering the stretch involving the fifth and sixth place finishers, #1 Wheres Hollywood (A. Locke), and #4 Autismonefortyfive (J. Sanchez). After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Wheres Hollywood from fifth to sixth position. Review showed the horse taking up inside #2 Nicky's Spot, then altering course to the outside and in the process severely impeding #4 Autismonefortyfive.

(6) CLAIM VOIDED

The claim deposited in the fourth race by trainer Charles Treece for #5 Avila Beach was voided as the horse was determined to be unsound in the left foreleg by Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio while it was in the detention barn. The horse was returned to trainer Kelly Castaneda's barn.

(7) RIDER OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

The objection sign was posted after the fifth race as jockey Edgar Orozco (3rd, #1 Palm Canyon) lodged a claim of foul against jockey Salvador Iniguez (1st, #2 Emma Missouri) for interference entering the far turn. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident the Stewards unanimously voted to dismiss the objection. Video showed that Mr. Orozco drove up into a spot where angels fear to tread and caused his own problem. He should have been checking his mount instead of driving and trying to make it into a spot which was going to close.

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 580
Off Track Attendance 1,811
Total: 2,391

On Track Handle: \$113,222.40
Off Track Handle: \$370,737.60
Out of State: \$808,683.07
Total: \$1,292,643.07

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on November 19, 2017. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period 12 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 7 for soundness, 2 for injury, 2 for sickness, and 1 for shock wave therapy. Nine horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward

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SUMMARY

2017

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 11/17	SAT 11/18	SUN 11/19	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	9
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	23
CLAIMS			R		0	0	1	1	312
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	1	1	35
INQUIRIES	D				0	0	2	2	70
REFUNDS		A			3	4	1	8	335
RULINGS			Y		5	3	0	8	313
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	1	0	2	3	95

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Tom Ward, Ron Church, James Dreyer, and Safety Steward David Nuesch were in attendance during this reporting period.

Tom Ward (Steward)

Ron Church (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

David Nuesch (Steward)